



## **CODE OF CONDUCT**

### **Aim**

- 1.1 To adopt the Code of Conduct for Scottish Borders Health & Social Care Integration Joint Board members.

### **Background**

- 2.1 The Ethical Standards in Public life etc. (Scotland) Act 2000 provides for Codes of Conduct for local authority councillors and members of relevant public bodies. IJBs are devolved public bodies and therefore required to produce a Code of Conduct setting out how members should conduct themselves in undertaking their duties.
- 2.2 The Commissioner for Ethical Standards and the Standards Commission worked together to produce a template Code of Conduct for all IJBs to adopt, as per the attached. Only in exceptional circumstances can amendments be made to the Code.

### **Summary**

- 3.1 On approval of the Code by the IJB, it will be submitted to the Scottish Government for formal Ministerial approval. Once Ministerial approval has been received the IJB will be required to hold and publish a Register of Interests for its members.
- 3.2 A Declaration of Interests Form and Guidance Notes have been worked up and will be sent to members on an annual basis for completion and return to the Board Secretary for recording and publication.
- 3.3 Any changes to members declarations (Section 4, paragraph 4.1) are to be notified to the Board Secretary within one month of the change.
- 3.4 The Code of Conduct will form part of the Code of Corporate Governance for the IJB. The current section on Codes of Conduct and Conflicts of Interest within the Standing Orders will be revised in light of the adoption of this Code of Conduct and as part of the annual refresh of the Code of Corporate Governance.

### **Recommendation**

The Health & Social Care Integration Joint Board is asked to **adopt** the Code of Conduct for Scottish Borders Health & Social Care Integration Joint Board members.

<b>Policy/Strategy Implications</b>	Requirement of the Ethical Standards in Public Life, etc (Scotland) Act 2000.
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<b>Consultation</b>	Formulated by the Commissioner for Ethical Standards and the Standards Commission.
<b>Risk Assessment</b>	Potential non compliance with legislative requirement.
<b>Compliance with requirements on Equality and Diversity</b>	Compliant.
<b>Resource/Staffing Implications</b>	Managed by the Board Secretary

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